GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4026
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2002
MISSING NOTIFICATION
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has failed to locate the preliminary notification by which Jantar Mantar was declared a protected monument in 1958;

(b) if so, whether this would effect the status of Jantar Mantar as a protected monument;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the non-availability of the preliminary notification hampered the efforts of ASI to check construction of a high rise building on Janpath lane within 100 metres of Jantar Mantar; and

(e) if so, the response of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)Yes, Sir. The preliminary notification dated 3rd May, 1957 has so far not been traced. However, the preliminary notification dated 10th October, 1956 which was superseded by the notification issued on 3rd May, 1957 as well as the confirmatory notification dated 6th January, 1958 are available, which declare the monument as protected as per the Ancient Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(c)Question does not arise.

(b),(d)&(e)The matter is sub-judice.